

Mendocino National Forest 1998 P.I.T. Project

Directions to P.I.T. Project Campground

Approaching from the East

- 1) From Interstate 5 at Willows head west on Highway 162 towards Elk Creek. Proceed approximately 20 miles to the intersection of Highway 162 and County Road 306. This is easily identified as the junction is on the west side of the bridge over Little Stony Creek. **Turn right onto County Road 306.**
- 2) Heading north on County Road 306, proceed approximately 3.5 miles to the intersection of County Road 306 and Highway 162. Note: Highway 162 is often demarcated on maps as Forest Highway 7 (FH 7) and/or County Road 307, but at this point in your trip, the sign will be Highway 162. **Turn left onto Highway 162.**
- 3) Traveling west on Highway 162, head up into the mountains and enter the Mendocino National Forest. Proceed approximately 15 miles to the end of the paved road. At this point you will be confronted with a confusing choice of five unpaved roads. Don't worry! **Take the road that is second from the left.**

CAUTION: THERE WILL BE LOGGING TRUCK TRAFFIC BETWEEN HERE AND LOW GAP BETWEEN HOURS OF 6:00 a.m. AND 3:00 p.m. DRIVE WITH CAUTION!!!

- 4) Follow this road, called "SlapJack", uphill for approximately 1.7 miles to where it dead-ends into the intersection with M3. This is another confusing intersection but, there are plenty of road signs here to help you out. **Turn left onto M3.**
- 5) Head south on M3 for approximately 2.6 miles to the Jumbo Springs intersection. **Turn right onto M6.**
- 6) Traveling west again, follow M6 approximately 11.5 miles to the intersection at Low Gap. Note: At approximately 2.6 miles from the Jumbo Springs Intersection, you will encounter another intersection. **At this point bear left.** When you reach Low Gap, you will find a four-way intersection. Cross the intersection to M61. **Take M61 up the hill.**
- 7) From Low Gap, proceed uphill on M61. Follow this road approximately 8.8 miles to the intersection of M61 and M1. **Turn left onto M1.**
- 8) Follow M1 south approximately 2.2 miles to an unnamed campground. **The campground will be on your left, and will be marked by P.I.T. Project signs.**

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Directions To P.I.T. Project Campground

Approaching from the West

- 1) **From Highway 101, north of Willits, take Highway 162 east towards Covelo.**
Travel approximately 30 miles eastwards to the town of Covelo. Drive through town, passing the Covelo Ranger Station (on your right).
- 2) **After passing the Covelo Ranger Station, Highway 162 turns east towards the mountains. Follow this road approximately 11 miles to the Eel River Work Center (U.S.F.S.).**
Note: Along this section of your journey you may notice road signs stating Highway 162, County Road 338 or, Forest Highway 7. Do not worry! Although confusing, all these signs refer to the same roadway. At this point, the pavement ends and the road becomes dirt.
- 3) **At the Eel River Work Center, turn right onto Forest Road M1, the Etsel Ridge Road.**
Follow this road uphill approximately 25 miles to the intersection of M1 and M61.
- 4) **From the intersection of M1 and M61, continue on M1 (to the right).**
Travel approximately 2.2 miles to the unnamed campground. The campground will be on your left, and will be marked by P.I.T Project signs. Inside the campground, you will be greeted by Forest Service personnel and will be assisted in locating a place to set up camp.

Look For P. I. T. Signs

P.I.T. signs are brightly colored placards posted to help you find your way.
They will be posted at all major intersections, and other places along the route.
P.I.T. signs have a gigantic hand on them, which indicates the direction to travel.
All signs will be posted by Sunday, follow them and you should be able to find us easily.

Driving in the Mendocino National Forest

Travel Safety Tips

Driving in the Mendocino National Forest is very different from highway driving. The roads are often narrow, steep and winding. Road conditions are typically hot, bumpy, dry and dusty. Here are some tips to help make your journey more safe and enjoyable:

Turn on your headlights, and keep them on. This precaution is designed to help oncoming traffic to see you more quickly and clearly.

Drive no more than 25mph. This is the Mendocino National Forest speed limit, and it is in place because of the poor traction and unique driving hazards encountered while on dirt roads. If you feel the need to proceed more slowly, please feel free to do so!

Do not drive close to the edge of the roadbed, except perhaps around blind curves. You won't want to get stuck in a soft shoulder, or leave the roadbed entirely.

Watch out for animals, pedestrians, off highway vehicles and other traffic.

When braking and/or stopping on dirt roads remember, you will need more distance than you would normally need on a paved road.

Slow down in curves. Always assume there is a loaded logging truck coming around every blind corner, then you will be ready in case there is one!

Do not drive through a dust cloud. Wait for it to settle. There may be more vehicles coming through the cloud towards you!

Stop only in wide spots in the roadbed, preferably in a long, straight flat stretch.

Never stop in an inside curve. You cannot be seen by other traffic while there!

If your brakes fail, "bank" your vehicle. This is a last resort maneuver which helps save lives! To do this, gently ease your vehicle into the uphill roadcut until your vehicle slows to a stop.

Washboards occur on dirt roads. This naturally occurring phenomenon makes for very bumpy driving. **If you encounter this, slow down.** Washboards in curves can bounce you right off the road, if you are driving too fast. Participants coming from the Sacramento Valley need to be particularly cautious of this hazard on M6 between Jumbo Springs and Low Gap!

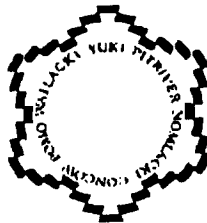
Watchout for waterbars. Waterbars are trenches cut across roads to provide drainage. Many are deeper than the biggest potholes you've ever seen! Proceed over waterbars slowly, and cautiously.



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ONE MILE NORTH OF COVELO
IN ROUND VALLEY
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Re: PIT Project
PA-598-08-020

Dear Greg,

Enclosed is the Round Valley Indian Tribes' instructions outlining the procedures that the RVIT will follow in case of injury to, or illness of, students while working on the PIT Project. The Round Valley Indian Health Center is presenting a M.O.U. of support for this camp before it's Board for approval.

Just thought I'd let you know some of our ideas for organized evening activities. Since Monday would be our first night, we thought we'd let the campers have a free night. On Tuesday, we plan to play traditional games and use eyebrow pencils for tattoos. On Wednesday, we're inviting our elders to share in dinner and stories. I've asked a couple of them if they would share the Yuki language with us. On Thursday, we're inviting our Tribal Council to join us for dinner. This will give the campers a chance to share their camping experiences with the Council members, and it will give the Council a chance to touch bases with the youth of their community. This might also make future PIT Projects easier for Council to approve. On Friday, we plan on participating in the potluck for the total camp.

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In our camp, we'll be using the traditional 'talking circle' for our gatherings; complete with Talking Stick, Eagle feathers, and sage. We'll be 'smudging' the participants before going to, or out at, the site. There's a possibility of also offering the 'smudging' to the other camp participants.

Our deadline for returning applications is July 31st. At that time, I will have an idea of how many participants will attend.

When I called your office on Monday, the 13th, Rick was very helpful. I understand that we will be camping at Spruce Grove, which is 5 miles pass Grizzly Flats and 2 miles from the excavation site, and that you will be bringing in portable toilets, sun showers, drinking water, and will have a phone available for emergencies. Rick said the road was in a condition that our vans will make it to the camp and site. For a swimming spot, he said that we'd probably be traveling to Black Butte. It sounds good!

I'm very excited about the camp. It's been my pleasure to be part of all the happenings. For the Yuki people, it is a great opportunity to begin our journey back into our past. This will be a lead-in to many more Yuki Gatherings.

Feel free to call me at the Tribal Office, 983-6126, or at home, 983-6529.

Sincerely,



Deb Hutt

